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RESPONSE

Honorable Director of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 17 as detailed below:

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1. (Once amended) A method of interfacing frame based time division multiplex (TDM) telecommunications traffic from a frame-based TDM network to an asynchronous network, the method comprising mapping the frame-based TDM traffic into cells or packets, and scheduling the despatch of said cells or packets into the asynchronous network at a substantially constant rate.